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CONSTRUCTION OF LEVEL CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received some proposals for construction of level crossings from West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof location-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Railways thereon; and

(d) the details of other level crossings selected for construction during the current year alongwith their locations, Zone/State-wise and the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRINARANBHAIJ. RATHWA)

(a) to (d)As per existing policy, provision of level crossings is made in consultation with the State Govt. at the time of laying a new line or within 10 years from the date of its commissioning to traffic. Thereafter, any accommodation work such as level crossing can be provided at a technically suitable location on deposit terms, if such a proposal is sponsored by the State Govt./Local bodies duly agreeing to bear the initial cost of construction of the level crossing and one time capitalized cost of recurring maintenance and operational charges. Further, as per policy of Railways, no new unmanned level crossing is permitted on existing lines. No such proposal has been received from State Govt/Local body so far.

Construction of level crossings on existing line depends on receipt of firm proposals from State Govt./Local body agrreing to bear the full expenditure. therefore,no plan for construction of such level crossing can be prepared without receipt if actual firm proposals.